



1-21-03

CASE 4-20039C

1644\$
JFev

FILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

EV48366813645
Express Mail Label Number

January 19, 2005
Date of Deposit

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1644

NICO CERLETTI

Examiner: D. Romeo

APPLICATION NO: 09/813,271

FILED: MARCH 20, 2001

FOR: NEW PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICALLY
ACTIVE PROTEIN

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

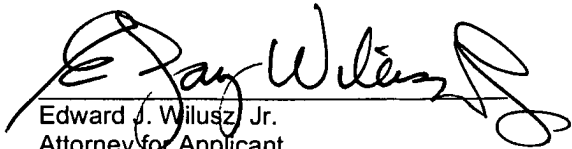
The Office Action of July 19, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 19, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of ~~\$980~~ ^{\$1020.00} for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis
Corporate Intellectual Property
One Health Plaza, Building 104
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Date: 19 January 2005


Edward J. Wilusz Jr.
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 52,370
Phone No. (862) 778-7960

01/28/2005 SSANDARA 00000002 190134 09813271
01 FC:1253 1020.00 DA